

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

The Notice of Allowability indicates that all pending claims, i.e., claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13-27, 32, 34-40 and 45-48, have been allowed. Claim 13 is amended to correct an inadvertent informality.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment prior to issuance.

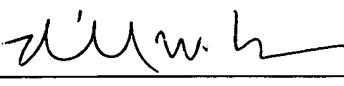
AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees that may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4566).

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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